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## OUTSIDE CRITICISM OF MASONIC RITUAL.

WHILE some of those within the ranks of Freemasonry are arguing among themselves as to the proper words to be used at various parts of our ceremonies, there are others outside the Craft who appear to regard the subject as fair matter for general comment, just as we imagined would be the case, if once our uniformity advocates began their arguments in the general press of the country. It is only two weeks since we referred to this subject, and spoke of the evil that was likely to arise if such topics as those generally touched upon under the heading of uniformity were to be discussed in public, and already we have evidence that our words were not spoken a moment too soon. We thank the correspondent who wrote last week, approving of our utterances, especially as we feel that our "Contented Brother" is not alone in endorsing the course we took.

We should not again refer to this subject, at so short an interval, but for a paragraph appearing in one of the Provincial papers, in connection with the consecration of the new Lodge at Manningtree. Our contemporary remarks: "Perhaps the only criticism that could be passed would be upon the wording of a hymn which was sung during the ceremony. This composition opened with the lines:—

Hail! Eternal, by whose aid,  
All created things were made.

These lines are in every way very weak, but the chief objection to them is that they seem to regard the Eternal as a mere assistant in the work of creation, and not as the author of it." We will not say this criticism is undeserved, or that it was intended in any unkind spirit, but what must be the sentiments of any thinking man who sees in one public paper, in a column especially devoted to Freemasonry, and apparently presided over by a member of the Craft, that grave errors exist in the Masonic ritual, and in another reads the criticism on the well-known lines we have quoted? Perhaps the two points have very little connection with each other, but on the other hand it is not difficult to intimately associate them, and we think this little episode should prove how unwise it may become to discuss the mere wording of our ceremonies in public journals.

Such criticism as that we have referred to above, in regard to the "aid" of the Eternal, can do no harm if properly understood. Perhaps the line deserves the rebuke it has received, and perhaps it may be desirable to amend it, but what a lever this could be made in the hands of some of those who are ever ready and anxious to impute improper motives to Freemasonry. We can almost imagine a papal bull; or a letter to be read throughout the world from the Pope of Rome, denouncing the irreligious body of Freemasons, and giving as proof of their infidelity the two lines of the hymn quoted above,

while others would support the denouncers of Freemasonry, by pointing to the evidences of internal dissension in the ranks of the Order in regard to its ritual. We are by no means bigoted on the subject of Masonic poetry. In years gone by we discussed the matter at some length, and came to the conclusion, as most Masons must do, that a knowledge of Freemasonry does not of necessity bring with it the ability to write good verses. In fact this is one of the subjects in which Freemasonry has hitherto proved deficient, and we are still surprised that this should be the case, in view of the distinguished supporters it has received from every sphere of life. Some of the most brilliant poets have been associated with the Order, but they have not left many traces of their membership in the form of poetic productions, perhaps because they regarded the secrets of the Order as too sacred for their attention, or because they did not regard the demand as of such a character to induce them to supply it. This is to be regretted, but the Craft should show its appreciation of what has been done by defending its poetry against the attacks of outsiders. If the words of our ritual can be defended, then the remarks of our critics should not be allowed to pass wholly unnoticed. If there is no defence, then amendment should be attempted, but in all these matters we think it most essential that good feeling should prevail, and only proper points of difference should be discussed before the world at large. We can but thank our Essex contemporary for what he has pointed out, because we believe it has been done with sincerity, and it is to be hoped that members of the Craft may so regard it, in case they look upon the matter as worthy of serious consideration.

## MASONIC BUILDING.

*An Oration before the Grand Lodge of Colorado, Free and Accepted Masons, 17th September 1889, by Bro. John W. Sleeper, Grand Orator.*

THE tendency of modern education, so far as it applies to the first and fundamental work of training the young, is to develop the whole mental system in accordance with the laws of the growth of knowledge, as indicated in nature. In order to accomplish this, the development of the physical side of the child is no longer neglected. The question to be solved is not, as formerly, how much mental strain can the strongest child endure, regardless of future health, or present means of ventilation, and other sanitary arrangements of the school-room, but how may the child be developed symmetrically and uniformly, steadily and naturally?

As the child learns to talk without apparent effort, and with evident pleasure, so he is enticed through the first stages of school life, without the least unwillingness or weariness. Even his amusements are made to subserve the purpose of obtaining useful knowledge, and imper-

ceptibly he acquires a correct taste, and habits of usefulness and industry. This learning is gathered easily, and there is no need to retrace the steps, because impressions thus formed are indelible. He first comes in contact with material things by using them; he learns their names and uses because he wants to use them, and it becomes necessary for him to know their characteristics for his own convenience. Thus from a simple beginning with material things, he advances in course of time to the hidden, abstract notions beyond the sight and senses.

Educators have but recently adopted this plan, but it is now so obviously the correct method that we all wonder why it has not always been used. This system of education has always been in vogue in Masonry. We diffuse our knowledge on the plan of the kindergarten, and the development of the same ideas as shown in the industrial schools. Architecture is but the expression of ideas. We learn the habits, tastes, circumstances, and religious beliefs of peoples and nations, by the structures they have erected.

As Entered Apprentices we enter the kindergarten of Masonry; as Fellow Crafts we pass through the higher grades of our Masonic schools, and learn to make some things, and the meaning of others, and to apply a part of our knowledge to the affairs of life; but only after death do we truly become Master Masons, and enjoy the real benefits of our training, knowledge, and correct habits of thought and industry.

Thus has it ever been: We look backward through the past to the middle ages, and find their architecture as enduring monuments to the deep, religious, earnest feeling of the people; not, indeed, as shown in the churches and religious houses, because in them religion is mingled superstition, but in the old castles and edifices erected by—and embodying the ideas of—the people. We pass on through Rome and Greece and find our lessons in material monuments, showing their history back to the building of the temple, where we learn that the corner-stone of our present Masonic Institution was laid with all due ceremony, to remain and endure as long as time shall be. But the foundation was laid long before: "And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, Now therefore, command thou that they hew me cedar trees of Lebanon; and my servants shall be thy servants; and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint; for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians."

"And King Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. He was a widow's son, of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass, and he was filled with wisdom and understanding, and cunning to all work in brass. And he came to King Solomon and wrought all his work."

Whence had Hiram, the widow's son, obtained this wisdom and skill? We still go back to the days of the captivity in Egypt, and there we find history incorporated in stupendous monuments. "The country and climate afforded the best means of symbolising the leading idea of the Egyptian's religion in the material form of art. Life after death was that idea, and it found expression in the construction of tombs as lasting as the rocks on which they rested." Here the children of Israel learned their alphabet by the use of material things. As hewers of wood and drawers of water, they learned to build, nobly, grandly, and to embody ideas in lasting structures. And their great leader and master was endowed with wisdom, until he was permitted to stand face to face with God. But all the wisdom of Moses was not trusted to the whole people; they had neither the capacity nor the endurance to understand or preserve it. Their wisdom, attained through years of trial and suffering, would have been sufficient for the building of the temple, but after their escape from Egypt, during the long sojourn in the wilderness, when they abandoned their true religion, worshipping idols and graven images, and plunging into superstition, neglecting their duties and their learning, their wisdom became as foolishness, and only the material things, which the masses did not afterwards understand, remained.

But Moses retained his wisdom, Joshua retained his, and a chosen few retained the secrets with which they were entrusted; and so, when the temple was about to be erected, a son of the tribe of Naphtali possessed the necessary wisdom.

As Moses was not permitted to reach the promised land, so Hiram was not permitted to see his work completed.

The weakness of human nature seeking the hidden mysteries before the time of preparation had been fulfilled, a portion of his knowledge died with him, and only the monuments and material things remained, until future generations should learn their meaning and read them aright. But the foundation was laid, and the corner-stone—a belief in God, nay, a knowledge of God himself—was found by Moses and transmitted through the ages to the present time. Never from the time of the captivity in Egypt has the world been without a band of faithful ones who have preserved and handed down the wisdom there acquired; and through all ages of idolatry and superstition, of wickedness, infidelity and injustice, the belief in God, and a broad, unflinching, tolerant, pure religion, has been carefully transmitted from generation to generation.

And we may still go back, if we have the skill to find our way, and the wisdom to understand the lines and angles, the marks and figures, and we shall find that before Moses was, in the ages before the pyramids were commenced, the corner-stone was found, in the belief in Almighty God; not then a mere belief, but an absolute, undeniable, unquestioned knowledge.

What has all this to do with the present time? Every Masonic ceremony has a wealth of meaning, if we will take the pains to find it out. Since the twenty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge, we have laid the corner-stone of a magnificent temple, which the Craft are erecting in Denver.

The stone was tried by our Most Worshipful Grand Master and found to be square, plumb, and level, and he pronounced it good. This done, the plans of the building were delivered to the overseer in charge of the workmen, and the completion of the structure was entrusted to him. We went there as Entered Apprentices, and viewed the work so far as it had progressed; we beheld the corner-stone, and the foundation upon which it rested; we saw it tried, and heard it pronounced good. The corner-stone is all we see in this world. The Lodge finds the foundation well laid in twenty-one years or more of good character, habits of industry and sobriety; the corner-stone—a belief in Almighty God—is pronounced good by the Master, and the stone is symbolically set. The plan of the building, spread out upon the altar, is shown to each Entered Apprentice, and he is told that henceforth he will be engaged in working upon it. The craftsmen are furnished with proper tools, and taught how to use them; material is also furnished, and each is dismissed to his work. We see the corner-stone, admire its workmanship, solidity, and proportions, and that it is properly placed, and then we leave it.

The work which each craftsman is to do is known only to himself; he understands the design; by his own skill and labour must it be perfected, its proportions arranged, and its surface polished, according to the design of the architect. The stone may be rough, uncut, an uncouth mass of rock, of coarser or finer grain, according to the place it is intended to fill. It may be a plain white cube, or it may be ornamented with the most intricate designs, but finished it must be, by him and by him alone.

Advice he may ask from others; their skill he may learn to imitate. His design, his doubts, difficulties, troubles and failures, he may explain, but not a single blow can be given, not a rough corner can be struck off, except with his own mallet in his own hand. Not an angle can be tried except with his own square.

Perfect tools have been given him; it behoves him to keep them bright and in order. But he may rest assured his work is suited to his capacity.

We are working in the quarries; none can know what place in the building his stone shall occupy; and accordingly he must see to it that it is finished with the utmost nicety, according to the design by which he is working. We cannot inspect each other's work; now and then we may catch a glimpse of an angle, a flower, or a leaf, but never of the whole at once.

Our conduct and conversation may indicate whether the material be coarse or fine, whether we are skilful or unskilful, what material we are using and what progress we are making, but the result remains unknown. To some extent, also, we may aid our fellow craftsmen, and receive their assistance. We may call their attention to the passing hour and the necessity of industry. Should our companions contract vices or habits which will dim the eye or unsteady the nerves, habits of idleness, or fondness for light and trivial conversation; doing no work, or less than

an honest man should do to earn his wages, we may, by kindly and friendly advice, endeavour to correct their errors, but their work we cannot do or see.

Each workman has but one ashlar to finish, and this is the work of his whole life. Through carelessness or neglect it may be marred or broken, but he can get no other; it must be patched or mended; and this is what we learn from the ceremony of laying the corner-stone. We are all Entered Apprentices, and through life we reach only the second degree. Our work is in fashioning the stone and numbering it for future approval and use.

Submission and fidelity are our duties. The work we do is on the details, and on the particular stone entrusted to us. We do not erect the wall, nor shall we know until our work is finished and approved by the overseer; nay, until it is finally put in place as a part of that grand building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, whether our work has been well done or not. But we know that faithful work shall receive proper wages, and however coarse our rock, or uncouth the design, if we do our part, our work will not have been in vain. The crooked, unshapely, irregular stone, may, when set in place, become the chief ornament of the structure. The material furnished each man in his own soul, and his work, the preparation of that soul for the future life to all eternity. The plan of the building is for us contained in the Holy Bible. The specifications and the detail drawings are furnished in our conscience, which, if closely adhered to, will make most perfect and beautiful work. This is also our moral square, so cunningly constructed that on one side appears the plumb, while on the other is the level, and somewhere on one side or the other will be found the plan which we are to follow. These must be carefully studied, and kept with the utmost care, clean and bright. Should our work vary from this it may be rejected; I do not say it will be. If we permit the square to become warped, we can no longer tell whether our work be true or not.

Should an accident befall it, we should diligently compare it with others which we believe to be true, and endeavour to make it right. Thus Masonry symbolises all that is good and great in every religion. The struggle of mankind has been to prepare for the future; the endeavour has been to penetrate its mysteries.

The Indian looks forward to the happy hunting ground; and the Oriental to an existence of unalloyed sensual gratification; the Hebrew to dominion and power and a participation in the control of the universe, as the chosen people of the Eternal One; the Christian endures present ills and the drudgery of this life, in the constant hope of immortality, which shall consist of perfect rest and perfect bliss, in a place where the beautiful surroundings shall delight a refined, spiritualized, and delicate organisation. The Mason, whether he be Indian, Mohammedan, Jew or Christian, looks forward to an immortal existence, where he shall meet the reward of faithful service, and whatever changes he may find, whatever the circumstances may be, where he will be prepared joyfully and faithfully to assume new labours, or enjoy the rest and refreshment which will result from a well-spent life.

And now, my brethren, let us see to it that we apply the lesson of Masonry to our every day life. Let the square of virtue be applied to our every thought and action. Let us never apply our squares to the work of another, since we do not understand his work, know his material, or the design on which he is engaged. Should our advice be sought, or our tools compared with the square, plumb or level of a brother, and they are found to differ, let us not contend that ours must be right and his wrong, unless we can furnish such proof as will convince him as well as ourselves. And finally, should we discover that by some carelessness on our own part, some sudden temptation, anger, or honest mistake, we have permitted our squares to become injured, or untrue, or to appear so to others, let us carefully compare them with the great lines, angles, horizontals and perpendiculars found in Masonry and the Masonic Lodge, and then go confidently and hopefully on until our work shall be done.

—Voice of Masonry.

Bro. C. T. Smith was elected Worshipful Master of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, at the Cannon-street, Hotel on Saturday, the 15th inst. For the fourteenth year in succession, Bro. N. B. Headon was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

## Obituary.

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REV. DR. BRETTE P.G.D.

AFTER a very short illness this estimable and learned brother departed this life on the morning of the 16th inst. Dr. Brette was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, Cheltenham, in 1863, and has since associated himself with several other Lodges, notably with the Thames Valley (No. 1460) and the Aldersgate (No. 1657); of both of these he was a founder. He had also identified himself with the Royal Arch and the Mark Degree, while in the higher grades he displayed a keen interest. For the past 25 years he has been the head French Master at Christ's Hospital, while other large Scholastic Establishments have likewise had the benefit of his sound system of instruction. The rank of a Past Grand Deacon was conferred on Dr. Brette in the Jubilee year. In him "our Girls" have lost a kind friend; he had served the office of Steward for the senior Institution six times, while the Boys' School has had the benefit of his appeal four. The Benevolent Institution record also credits him with four Stewardships.

BRO. JOHN MACLEAN.

THE death of this popular member of the Craft took place, somewhat suddenly, on Saturday last. Brother Maclean was out on the evening previous, but beyond complaining of a heavy sense of weariness did not appear to be so near his end. He was taken ill about seven on Saturday morning, and was dead before twelve o'clock. He was initiated in the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, in October 1872, and remained a subscribing member till 1875. In 1874 he joined the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, and was installed Worshipful Master in 1883. He was exalted in April 1879, in the Asaph Chapter, and in 1886 was the First Principal. He was a Life Governor of all our Institutions, and had served as a Steward for the Girls' School. As a Preceptor Brother Maclean was well known, while as one ready to do a good turn there could scarcely have been found his equal. Brother Maclean was interred at the Willesden Cemetery on Wednesday, where a large assemblage of friends attended to pay a last tribute of respect to a worthy and kind hearted man.

We tender to our good Brother Henry Darbyshire (of Manchester and London) our deep sympathy in the heavy afflictions that have recently befallen him. Three weeks since we announced the death of his father. Only two days passed after the funeral took place when Brother Darbyshire had to mourn the loss of his eldest sister. To-day we face the painful duty of recording the death of Bro. Darbyshire's beloved mother. Words fail us when we strive adequately to express ourselves, but we sincerely trust our good friend and his devoted wife will receive that consolation and support necessary to sustain them under this heavy series of afflictions.

In October 1874 the St. Michael's Mark Lodge, No. 175, was consecrated at Helston, by the Provincial Grand Master, and in honour of the event the Provincial Grand Lodge was held there in that year. Owing to the lack of railway communication, and the consequent isolation of Helston from other parts of the county, no Provincial Grand Mark Lodge has been held there since. During the last year Helston has provided accommodation for entertainments by the erection of its spacious public buildings, and the brethren of St. Michael's Lodge have now the pleasure of announcing to the Mark Masons of the Province that the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, Bart., has arranged to hold the next Provincial Grand Mark Lodge at Helston, some time next month. The brethren will meet in the Godolphin Hall.

## DEATH.

DARBYSHIRE.—On the 18th inst., deeply regretted, in the 79th year of her age, at the residence of her youngest son, 50 Prince's Road, Moss Side, Manchester, Grace, relict of the late THOMAS DARBYSHIRE (who died only sixteen days before.)



## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 303.

AT the regular monthly meeting, on Monday evening, 10th inst., after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the Worshipful Master Bro. F. C. Hallett P.G.S.D. proposed, and it was unanimously resolved, that the following message of congratulation be forwarded to the Prince of Wales:—

"The Benevolent Lodge of Freemasons, No. 303, Teignmouth, being this evening assembled in regular Lodge, beg most respectfully to tender their congratulations to the Most Worshipful Grand Master on the 27th anniversary of his wedding, and they pray the Great Architect of the Universe to spare him long to preside over the Craft with the same good fortune that has distinguished his rule in the past—Hallett Worshipful Master."

To this telegram an answer has been received, as follows:—

"To the Worshipful Master of the Benevolent Lodge of Freemasons, No. 303, Teignmouth.—The Prince of Wales thanks you sincerely for your fraternal message."

## FAWCETT LODGE, No. 661.

THE annual installation meeting took place on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Seaham Harbour, when Bro. John Smith was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. the Rev. D. W. James. The Officers invested were:—Bros. W. Jones S.W., T. O. Johnson J.W., John Richardson Treasurer, F. Toogood Secretary, H. Metcalfe S.D., W. J. Malcolm J.D., S. Thompson I.G. Among the Visitors present were:—Bros. M. Douglass P.P.G.D., T. G. Garrick P.M. 94, G. Craven W.M. 94, H. C. Jepps P.P.G.D., J. J. Wilson P.P.G. Steward, J. Deans P.M. 2039, W. Birch J.W. 97, Thomas Gibbons J.W. 80, F. Branton 80, G. Bigelow 80, G. Arkle 1119, J. R. Irving 97, M. Bell 949, and others. The annual banquet was held in the evening.

## ARBORETUM LODGE, No. 731.

THE annual festival took place at the Derby Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when the new Master Bro. John Walker invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Severn Taylor I.P.M., George Sutherland S.W., W. H. Wright J.W., Rev. Thomas Orrell Chaplain, W. Whitaker Treas., G. H. Ward Secretary, John Jones S.D., Alfred Smith J.D., W. Watson Heywood D.C., Richard Legge Organist, G. C. Copestick I.G., Samuel Tiukler and A. Butterworth Stewards, T. Day Tyler. The banquet provided by Bro. Day was a most satisfactory one, and the subsequent proceedings were most enjoyable. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, the company numbering 112.

## EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on Monday, the 17th instant. Present:—Bros. R. Bassett Preston W.M., Joseph McKinn S.W., Wm. A. Vaughan J.W., Abraham Pomberton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, Walter H. Vaughan P.M. P.P.G. Registrar Secretary, J. W. Abbot P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., Thos. Knott S.D., Henry Smith J.D., Henry Wilson I.G., John Rostron P.M. P.P.G.J.D., George L. Vaughan P.M., E. J. Hall, A. A. Pamberton, Frank D. Haddon, G. B. Goodfellow, G. W. Allen, John Gill, Fredk. Rudyard, and H. Dawson P.M. Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. Joseph Bridgford P.M. 1077 P.G.P., Wm. Booth P.M. 104 P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire, J. Smith I.P.M. 323, and R. R. Lisenden (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The Lodge was opened at six, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Lionel E. Adams, and was declared unanimous. Mr. Adams was afterwards initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. were Bro. Joseph McKinn S.W. delivered the north-east corner stone address. Bro. William A. Vaughan J.W. presented the working tools, and Bro. Walter H. Vaughan P.M. P.P.G. Registrar explained the first tracing board to the candidate. In reply to a letter of condolence, sent by the Lodge to Bro. Krush, on the death of his son, a touching letter was read by Bro. Vaughan, received from Bro. Krush, expressive of his appreciation and gratitude for the brethren's sympathy. A copy of the letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. After some further Lodge business had been transacted, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 8.45. The brethren subsequently supped together, and the health of the W.M., the newly initiated Brother, the Visitors, &c., were proposed and responded to.

## GROSVENOR LODGE, No. 1257.

THE March meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., Bro. G. E. Saunders the W.M. in the chair, and a good attendance of Officers and brethren. After the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, the W.M. passed Brothers Trot and Brightmore to the second degree, in an impressive manner. The annual election of Officers for the ensuing year took place. The Senior Warden Bro. John Chapman, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master, Bro. J. T. Pilditch P.M. Treasurer, and Bro. Whiting Tyler.

## WALKER LODGE, No. 1342.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was celebrated on the 12th inst. The proceedings commenced in the afternoon, when Brother John W. Robson was installed as W.M. by Bro. J. Patterson, the retiring W.M., who conducted the ceremony in an impressive

manner. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. J. Patterson I.P.M., I. Taylor S.W., F. W. Sykes J.W., A. Barker Treasurer, J. T. Schollar D.C., W. L. K. Debenham, Secretary, W. F. Slater S.D., M. Murray J.D., J. Watson I.G., R. Ferry Organist, C. G. Binks Senior Steward, W. Anderson Junior Steward, and J. Curry Tyler. In the evening there was a gathering of nearly one hundred members of the Craft at the dinner at the Emmerson Banqueting Hall, Crown Hotel, Newcastle, the W.M. presiding, and Bro. I. Taylor occupying the vice-chair. The dinner was a *récherché* affair, and did credit to the celebrated cuisine of "The Crown." There was a long list of Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were interspersed by social harmonies of the most talented order, the festival throughout being one of the most successful Craft functions that has taken place in the city for years past.

## BAGSHAW LODGE, No. 1457.

THIS may be described as one of the most successful of the Lodges in the Province of Essex. The meetings are invariably well attended, and the members seem to be thoroughly imbued with a desire to do their best to carry out the true principles of the Order. At the meeting of Thursday, the 13th instant, the Lodge was opened at the Public Hall, Loughton, at three o'clock, when the W.M. Bro. William James Shadrake was supported by Bros. J. C. Hopwood I.P.M., Herbert J. Day S.W., J. G. Thomson P.P.G.O., W. Holloway Treasurer, C. J. Edwards Secretary, James H. Langdon S.D., Otto Steffen J.D., Adolphe L. Sawyer Director of Ceremonies, W. J. Cuthbert I.G., R. Fish and William White Stewards, R. W. Goddard P.M. Tyler; J. H. Crowther P.M., Thomas T. Nunn P.M., James E. Horn P.M., E. Tholander Past Master; Bros. C. E. Skinner, T. B. Cusack-Smith, Charles S. Foster, Godfrey Lawford, A. J. Gunning, R. J. Panchard, C. K. Fenton, Caspar R. Laurie, W. S. Cuff, James Stevens, and George Austin. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. L. Taylor P.M. 554, &c., Jethroe Ambrose J.D. 388, Edward Pettitt 1623, James Stevens 720 1216 1416 P.M., R. R. Green S.W. 1804, W. F. Smart P.M. 766, Geo. Bokenham 1962, A. H. Fryer J.W. 208, Edwin Barron P.S.W. 380, W. F. Schuter J.D. 1615, A. S. Guenigault 1420, W. Latta 704, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. The agenda paper was essentially a heavy one, and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. commenced the ceremonial work by raising Bro. Cusack-Smith. Bros. Lawford and Cuff were then separately passed, the W.M. conducting the ceremonies, and emphasizing his work by giving the charges and explaining the tracing board of each degree. Mr. James Stevens (son of our old friend of Clapham) was a candidate for initiation, and presented himself under the sponsorship of Bro. A. L. Sawyer D.C. and the W.M., who respectively proposed and seconded him. The Worshipful Master courteously vacated the chair in favour of our veteran Brother Stevens, who, prompted by the ability Bro. Shadrake had displayed, exerted himself most successfully to carry out the ceremony with dignity and impressiveness. The charge in this degree was given by Bro. Shadrake, and then Bro. Stevens gave the explanation of the tracing board. Bro. J. Ambrose, a resident at Loughton, of the Prudence Lodge, No. 388, was elected a joining member of No. 1457, and then Bro. Shadrake, who had resumed the chair, brought forward the motion to consider the purchase of an organ for the use of the Lodge. The W.M. having particularised the conditions of purchase, the proposition was duly seconded, and agreed to unanimously by the members present. We are inclined to believe that this outlay on behalf of the members will be much appreciated; it is well recognised that good music tends to make our ceremonies more enjoyable, and as the Loughton Lodge is especially strong as regards the musical talent of its members we may look forward to the purchase now completed being regarded as a most desirable one. Routine work followed, and in due course the Lodge was closed. Refreshments of an ample character were supplied, Bro. Slawson, of the Old Kent-road, having been entrusted with the catering. Brother Slawson is well known, and on this occasion sustained his reputation. The viands were of the best quality, and the service left nothing to be desired. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Shadrake gave the loyal toasts, which were cordially received and heartily responded to. In speaking of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers present and past, Bro. Shadrake said he came before the members of his Lodge with but a limited personal knowledge of those gentlemen, but as he had not heard anything to their detriment he could readily endorse the general opinion, which is that they one and all carry out their duties in a thoroughly efficient manner. After a song—"Alice, where art thou," splendidly given by Bro. Bokenham, the W.M. again rose, to propose the health of the Provincial Grand Master Lord Brooke, M.P. Since Lord Brooke had had the rule of the Province, Freemasonry had made rapid strides in Essex, and he (the Worshipful Master) felt assured that the announcements that have been made in the daily press as to the illness of Lord Brooke had been received by the brethren with intense regret. All wished him a speedy recovery. With respect to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers, they one and all evidenced a deep interest in the welfare of the Craft. It was fully recognised that in the past the Bagshaw Lodge had turned out some excellent Masons, and the Lodge could congratulate itself that the services of these brethren had received recognition at the hands of the authorities. He had great pleasure in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren. Bro. Godfrey Lawford now favoured the brethren with a song; he was accompanied by Bro. Walter Latta, R.A.M., who not only in this case, but throughout the evening, gave the brethren a sample of his great musical ability. Bro. Crowther P.M. replied, confining his remarks principally to the popularity which the Prov. Grand Master had secured for himself, and with the W.M. wishing him a speedy restoration to health. Bro. Tholander and others also replied for the Prov. Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M. Bro. Hopwood. The choice of the brethren in selecting Bro. Shadrake had been a wise one;

no better Master could have been selected. Bro. W. W. Morgan was now called on for a recitation, and was much applauded for his forcible rendering of "Brought to Light." In replying, the W.M. thanked Bro. Hopwood for the manner in which he had introduced the toast; Bro. Hopwood had said more in praise of him than he felt he deserved. He had worked hard to qualify himself for his exalted position, and he thanked the Past Masters and the Officers of the Lodge for the cordial support they had given him in his conduct of the business. The next toast was the health of the Initiate, and Bro. James Stevens jun., in acknowledgment, modestly referred to the esteem which had been imparted in his heart for the Institution. He was not an absolute stranger in the Masonic world; he had had the acquaintance—through his father—of many who held position in the Craft, and had long desired to become a member. That desire had now been accomplished, and he trusted he might prove himself an honoured member of the Lodge, and a welcome associate with its members. The remaining toasts were done full honour to; that of the Visitors was replied to Bros. Taylor, Stevens, Morgan and others. For the Past Masters Bro. Hopwood replied, while the Wardens responded for the Officers. The proceedings throughout were enlivened by some really splendid singing. The conditions of the train service for those who had any distance to travel were duly regarded, while grand entertainment was provided for all who dared the venture of the inevitable "last train."

#### LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 1502.

THE thirteenth annual ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund in connection with this Lodge, of which Brother Henry Gabriel is Treasurer, was held in the large hall at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on the 12th inst. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge, visiting brethren, and of course an equally large attendance of the fair uninitiated. The arrangements for the ball had been made by a committee, headed by Bro. Andrew Kirkpatrick, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, with Bro. the Rev. H. M. Silver P.M. as Honorary Secretary. Bro. David Gabrielson and Bro. S. J. Henochsberg officiated as Masters of the Ceremonies to the satisfaction of all present. An excellent programme of dance music was supplied by Clayton's band, and the ball was kept up till three o'clock Thursday morning. The catering was done under the direction of Mr. W. Ludlow in the usual Adelphi style. Bro. David Matthews was the Captain of the Stewards.

#### KING'S CROSS LODGE, No. 1732.

THE first meeting of this Lodge, since the installation of Bro. W. R. Yates, was held on Saturday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when the W.M. was supported by P.M.'s W. M. Stiles (Treas.), H. Higgins, W. Putland, B. Kauffman, L. Solomon, C. S. Mote I.P.M.; Bros. W. Bailey S.W., R. T. Palmer J.W., Frank Fletcher Secretary, E. J. Soffe I.G., J. E. Jacobs D.C., Deighton Steward, R. Whiting P.M. Tyler. The Lodge was opened at 6 o'clock, and when the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for Mr. Walter James Purle, a candidate for initiation, who was proposed by Bro. Deighton and seconded by Bro. Putland P.M. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidate, who was introduced, and received the benefits of Masonic light at the hands of the W.M., who gave a fairly good interpretation of the ceremony. After some matters of house business had received attention, Lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of refreshments, and an abbreviated toast list was gone through, the proceedings throughout being enlivened with recitations and songs. There were present as Visitors:—Bros. George Everett P.M. 177, R. Ross, J.W. 174, Walter Perrius 1839, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211.

#### TRINITY LODGE, No. 1734.

THE installation of this Lodge took place at the Crown Hotel, Rayleigh, on Wednesday the 12th inst. The ceremony of installing the new W.M. Bro. W. J. Harvey was ably performed by Bro. Dr. Grayson. The new W.M. invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. E. C. Sparrow I.P.M., E. Moat S.W., Dr. Grayson J.W., S. Smith P.M. Secretary, Harper S.D., J. White J.D., Eaton I.G., J. Syer Dir. of Cers. The brethren sat down to the usual banquet. A most enjoyable evening was spent, singing and recitations being given by the brethren. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. G. H. Patmore P.M.; R. Smith P.M. and A. Basham.

#### VERNON LODGE, No. 1802.

THERE was a numerous and important gathering at Retford, on Monday, the 10th instant, upon the occasion of the annual meeting of this Lodge. Amongst other distinguished Masons present was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Notts, Bro. F. Vernon Bussell, Past Grand Chaplain of England, who, in the course of an able address, alluded to the unique and interesting gathering which will take place at Southwell, the cathedral town of Notts, in July, and for which the cathedral authorities, as well as the Masonic body of the Province, are making elaborate preparations. The Worshipful Master for the year, Bro. Joshua Walker, was duly installed by Bro. Edward S. Tozer jun., and other important business was transacted.

#### ARDWICK LODGE, No. 2185.

BRO. STEPHEN CHESTER-THOMPSON, one of the founders of this Lodge, was installed Worshipful Master on the 10th inst. The ceremony was performed in the Lodge-room of the Midland Hotel, Ardwick, by Bro. J. Truelove Richardson first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, assisted by the Past Masters, and more particularly by Bro. W. Hoyland P.M. D.C., the last-named brother performing for the new occupant of the chair the important duty of investing the Officers. These were:—Bros. E. Tatton S.W., R.

Booth J.W., S. Chesters Treasurer, G. I. Rose Secretary, J. Wilkinson S.D., James Hayes J.D., W. Hoyland D.C., David Buckley Organist, F. B. Dodd Assistant Organist, A. Taylor I.G., J. W. Atkinson, R. W. Atkinson, C. Swainson, and T. Hilditch Stewards, H. Dawson Tyler. There was a strong muster of the Ardwick brethren, and visitors brought up the number present to 70, among whom were:—Bros. John Roberts P.P.G.D.C., J. Aronsberg P.P.C.P., Robert Caldwell P.P.G.S.B., N. Dumville P.P.G.S. of East Lancashire, and James Glennie P.P.G.A.S., T. M. Cairns P.G.S., and R. Stephenson P.G.S. of Cheshire. A party of singing brethren, including Bros. Dumville and A. S. Kinnell, with Brother J. Herbert Yates at the organ, gave the musical portion of the ritual with great effect. In the evening the company dined together, on the invitation of the newly installed W.M.

#### EARL OF LEICESTER LODGE, No. 2237.

THE installation of Bro. Ambrose Goddard as W.M. took place in the New Hall, Wells-next-the-Sea, on Monday, the 10th inst., when a large gathering of brethren from the neighbourhood assembled. Among the visitors were Bros. H. J. Sparkes P.G.J.W., C. W. Horsley P.P.G.S.B., O. Hudson P.P.G.S.B., Geo. F. Smith W.M. 1114, J. G. E. Davey, E. E. Ransome J.W. 996, George Bishop 107, and George Rowell 114, &c. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. G. V. Grummett, and the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Colonel H. W. Feilden S.W., A. W. Ralling J.W., A. W. F. Whitlock Treasurer, H. E. Loynes Secretary, W. H. Pearce S.D., W. Temple J.D., J. Smith I.G., G. V. Grummett D.C., Beesley and Platten Stewards, and Edge Tyler. The newly installed W.M. then initiated Mr. W. H. Simms Reeve into Freemasonry. After closing the Lodge, the brethren adjourned for their annual supper. A pleasing incident took place during the evening, for attention having been called by the W.M. to the fact that it was the anniversary of the wedding day of their Most Worshipful Grand Master, the brethren sent to His Royal Highness a telegram respectfully offering their hearty felicitations on the auspicious day. A most gracious reply was received from His Royal Highness, thanking the members of the Lodge for their "kind fraternal message."

#### WAVERTREE LODGE, No. 2294.

BRO. ELI BROOKS was, on the 12th inst., at the Coffee House, Church Road, Wavertree, duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The visitors present included Brothers H. G. Vernon P.P.G.C., J. T. Callow P.P.G.T., Ralph Betley P.G.A.S., Edward H. Cockson P.G.S.W., J. Clarke P.G.R., T. Vernon W.M. 2290, W. Pye W.M. 1094, George A. Harradon W.M. 2316, W. Platt W.M. 1393, W. H. Sweetman I.P.M. 1505, F. A. Rainbow I.P.M. 1393, Thomas Guile I.P.M. 1325, P. R. Barrow I.P.M. 1570, Walter Burnet P.M. 1505, A. H. Hallwood P.M. 1505, W. T. Oversby P.M. 1393, John Henderson P.M. 1620, R. R. Ellis S.W. 232, Arthur J. J. Bamford S.W. 1570, and J. West Secretary 241. The Worshipful Master elect was presented for installation by Bros. J. C. Robinson and E. H. Cookson, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Foote. After his installation Brother Brooks invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Robert Foote I.P.M., J. M. Smythe S.W., J. Scott J.W., Rev. J. S. Gardner Chaplain, J. G. Hallwood Treasurer, G. Holme jun. Secretary, W. H. Bicknell S.D., Thomas G. Parkes J.D., J. C. Robinson D.C., W. H. A. Harvey I.G., Edward Pugh Organist, C. F. W. Connor, W. O. Callow, Henry Lamby, and James Magnira Stewards, and W. Doran Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. was presented, by his predecessor, in accordance with Bro. Foote's custom when installing, with a very handsomely-bound copy of the Book of Constitutions, together with a copy of the bye-laws of the Lodge, reprinted and bound in calf. A life-like portrait of Brother Foote was presented to the Lodge by the Stewards; Bro. T. G. Parkes presented a beautiful banner; and Bro. Brooks a case of tracing boards. During the course of the post-prandial proceedings—the brethren partaking of a sumptuous banquet served by Bro. C. Huxley—a diamond mounted Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Foote, and a P.P.G.C.'s jewel to the Rev. S. G. Gardner, Chaplain of the Lodge. The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bros. J. West, R. Williams, J. Price, J. Scott, J. Redhead, W. Latham, and W. Lewis, Bro. Edward Pugh supplying the accompaniments.

#### RYE LODGE, No. 2272.

THE usual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Public Hall, Rye-lane Peckham, The Worshipful Master, Bro. F. Dunn, was well supported by the Officers and brethren, amongst whom were Bros. J. W. Dewsnap I.P.M. (Secretary), Dr. W. Cock S.W., G. Nightingale J.W., G. S. Mansell Treasurer, Dr. P. G. Philips S.D., W. Castledine J.D., T. G. Collier I.G., W. T. Warner D.C., E. Pettitt Organist, J. Pellatt Rickman, R. Lyon, T. M. Wright, F. Hussey, T. Piper, E. R. Phillips, J. Alsopp, H. E. Read, W. Monks, G. May, W. S. Proe, F. Templeman, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. Evans, W. Blackborough, H. F. Bing W.M., C. W. Tagg, and E. Jones P.M. After opening the Lodge, the W.M. impressively initiated Mr. Swinford F. Smith, and also raised Bro. W. S. Proe in a solemn manner befitting that degree. The effect of the ceremonies was greatly enhanced by the effective manner in which the various Officers carried out their respective duties, and especially the musical portion by the organist Bro. Pettitt. Before the Lodge was closed, a vote of thanks was given to Bro. Collier for presenting a handsome Bible to the Lodge. The members then adjourned to an adjoining room to dine, under the presidency of the W.M., who, after having given the usual loyal and appropriate toasts, gave that of the I.P.M. Bro. Dewsnap, of whom he spoke in very high terms. Much of the success of the Lodge was due to him, not only for the excellent manner he had performed the several arduous duties which he had undertaken, but also for his kind and genial bearing to all the

members. The toast was received with much applause. Brother Dewsnap having suitably replied, the usual toasts followed. The Rye Lodge is favoured by having amongst its members many musical brethren, who during the evening gave several excellent songs and duets, which tended to render the evening one of the most pleasant and successful the Lodge has held.

#### SAVILE LODGE, No. 1231.

**T**HE Hall of this Lodge, which meets at Elland, has just been renovated and re-decorated. The Lodge room ceiling is painted in cerulean blue, and powdered with gold stars; the sun and moon are also introduced in their proper positions. The cornices are picked out in various colours, and effectively stencilled. Immediately under the cornice is a frieze, into which are introduced the square and compasses in gold and scroll work. The walls are divided into 19 panels, into each of which is painted the emblems of the various Officers of the Lodge, each bearing an appropriate motto, the acacia, and other Masonic devices, in hand-painted decoration. Over the W.M.'s chair, is emblazoned in true Heraldic colours the Savile arms and motto, with the W.M.'s jewel, &c. An elaborate dado, in raised work, with borders, &c., completes the whole. The furniture is also treated to harmonise with the rest of the decorations. The ante-rooms, staircase, &c., are treated in an effective manner, and present an agreeable aspect. The brethren have expressed great satisfaction with the thoroughly artistic and Masonic style in which the whole has been carried out.

#### LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

**T**HE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. Bro. J. Oxley presided, and was supported by the following Officers and brethren: Bro. W. O. Swetman S.W., H. J. Hirst J.W., W. Beck P.M. Treasurer, J. G. Twinn P.M. Secretary, A. W. Flack S.D., A. F. Dickson J.D., A. Lloyd I.G., J. Magrath P.M. D.C., C. Dawe Steward, A. G. Clements P.M., J. Loftus P.M., T. J. Tyler P.M., Jenkins and Schultz Stewards; Cartwright, J. L. Green, Holmes, Parker, Paker, Styles, Wiggins, Costain, Looker, Gibbs, Payne, T. W. Wall, J. Beard, Wood, C. Dawe, Craighend, Smith, Harper, Cox, Halcrow, Jacobs, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. Allan P.M. 1625, J. Reid P.M. 249, J. T. Dormer S.W. 1571, E. Goshon 193, J. Swanston 117. The business of the evening included the initiation of Mr. Capon, the passing of Bros. Costain and Looker, and the raising of Bro. Jacobs. The W.M. performed all the ceremonies with his usual ability. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. O. W. Swetman S.W. was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. W. Beck P.M. Treasurer for the eleventh time, and Bro. Longstaff Tyler. Brother Loftus then rose, and, in a few appropriate and well-chosen words, proposed that the retiring W.M. Bro. Oxley be presented with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the able manner in which he had fulfilled his duties during his year of office. This was seconded by the S.W., and carried with acclamation. Brothers J. L. Green, Beard, and Holmes were appointed auditors. During the evening Bro. Holmes announced that, through the kindness and liberality of the brethren, he had been enabled to take up a list of £47 9s at the recent festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. The Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, the 12th of April. Upwards of forty of the members then partook of supper together, and spent a very pleasant evening.

#### THE BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265.

**T**HERE was a numerous attendance at the meeting of this popular Lodge, held on the 17th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Railway Station. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. M. J. Jessop P.M. 1261, who was supported by Bros. J. Joel Treasurer, M. de Leonw Secretary, T. Honey S.D., E. J. Acworth J.D., A. Levy D.C., W. Wright Organist, J. B. Joel I.G., J. H. Gluckstein and J. W. Bash Stewards, C. F. Hogard P.G.S.B., J. M. Blake, H. L. Warner, F. B. Phillips, H. Barnato, M. A. Hyman, R. L. Warner, J. Jonas, M. Joseph, S. Abrahams, and the following Visitors—Bros. Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C., J. L. Mather P.G.A.D.C., J. Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C., Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Frederick Binckes P.G.S.B., I. Zacharie P.G.M. California, V. Cavé 1718, B. Simmons, B. C. Scott, S. M. Harris P.M., W. W. Lee 1897, B. W. Jonas 1891, R. J. Maitland Coffin 2190, G. C. Rivers, M. Mendelssohn S.D. 212, Woolf Joel, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, W. H. Hart 1139, J. Da Silva 205, D. Baker 1246, J. Abrahams, B. Barnato, H. Edwards 804, &c. After the Lodge had been formally constituted, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The agenda paper was a heavy one. There were two candidates for initiation, three brethren desired to join the Lodge, while Bro. Polak presented himself for passing. Bro. E. J. Whiteway, who has yet to be raised, was prevented (by illness) from attending on this occasion. In regular order the ballot was taken for the respective candidates. For initiation Mr. Henry J. Lewis was proposed by the Treasurer, and seconded by Bro. H. Warner; Mr. Solomon Abrahams had for sponsors Bros. H. I. Barnato and M. J. De Leonw. The result was in their favour, and later on these gentlemen were initiated by the W.M. The candidates for joining were Bro. George Howard No. 813, proposed and seconded respectively by the Bros. R. and H. Warner; Bro. Stanley Bamberger, of the Tranquillity Lodge, introduced by Bros. Joel J.W., and Thomas Honey J.D.; the third candidate was Bro. John Abrahams, of the Harmony Lodge, Dutoitspan, who was proposed by Bro. H. I. Barnato and seconded by the W.M. In each case a favourable verdict was announced, and so the Lodge can boast of having added five additional members to its roll as a result of this evening's meeting. The ceremonial work was carried out in a most satisfactory manner by the popular W.M. The W.M. had now a most pleasing task to perform. At their last meet-

ing they said everything they could think of that was good and kind of Bro. Hogard, who had acted as I.P.M. at the consecration of the Lodge, and also since their first Worshipful Master Bro. Da Silva left for the Cape, but they wished to put in more than words what they felt for him, and therefore they decided to vote him a Past Master's jewel. It was all they could do for him, but Bro. Barnato had added a diamond, which would enhance the value of the gift. He only hoped Bro. Hogard would, in wearing the jewel, feel the same pleasure that he now felt in pinning it on his breast. Brother Hogard, replying, said he could hardly find words wherewith to express his thanks to the Worshipful Master and members of the Lodge for their liberality, and for the kindness he had at all times received in the Lodge. He had the pleasure of being one of the founders, and since the consecration had attended every meeting and had done what he could for the interest and welfare of the members. For the valuable jewel he begged to tender his sincere thanks, and especially to Bro. Barnato for generously presenting the diamond. He accepted it with grateful thanks, but he was sure he need not say that he did not require that mark of their affection; he had at all times received such kindness from them, both in and out of the Lodge, that he did not want that outward sign of what they always felt for him. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

W. BRO. C. F. HOGARD P.G.S.B.

By the Brethren of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265,

As a token of appreciation of his valuable services as Acting I.P.M.

March 17th 1890.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the Secretary, the sum of £2 10s was voted to the Binckes' Pension Indemnity Fund. After routine work, Lodge was closed. The banquet was served under the personal supervision of Bro. Sams, and gave every satisfaction. The preliminary toasts were briefly introduced by the W.M., and heartily greeted. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. He did not think he had ever heard the recollection of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. proposed in such eloquent and felicitous terms as those used by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor at the last meeting of Grand Lodge. When he (Brother Hogg) first entered Masonry it was no uncommon matter to find Lodges being periodically closed up; thus the Lodge in which he was made became from No. 201 No. 150, showing that then Masonry was shrinking or decreasing. From that time forward, and especially during the time the present Grand Master had presided, Masonry had extended on all sides and in every direction, and had now become one of the largest bodies of the kind in the country. It was not only large, but most influential. The brethren on his left had learned for the first time that brotherly love, relief, and truth were the most prominent features of the Order. They were now joined in a bond of good fellowship, and it was that universal brotherhood that would bind Masons in universal love in all the four quarters of the globe. He was glad that night to have the pleasure and honour of being present at one of the younger Lodges. He heard from the brethren on his right that the working of the Lodge was really of a very distinguished character. It was his good fortune to be present at an older Lodge—the Lodge of Israel—when his esteemed Bro. Hogard had a very beautiful present made him for services rendered to that Lodge, and it was his good fortune that night to see him again honoured. Bro. Hogard richly deserved the honours showered upon him, for no man interested himself more than he in Freemasonry, Bro. J. Lewis Thomas also replied. Bro. Hogard thought they had done full homage to the preliminary toasts; they had now arrived at the toast of the evening—the Health of the W.M. They had in their good friend the W.M. an old and tried P.M. of the Craft, and one who had done good suit and service, therefore when they elected him to the chair they elected a brother who knew the proper way to perform the various duties of his office. The way in which Bro. Jessop had discharged the duties in the Lodge in the various ceremonies, and the way in which he had presided at the banquet table had equally commended itself to them, for he united in his own person those two things—the *suaviter in modo* and *fortiter in re*. He hoped that in their Lodge the W.M. would never be called upon to exercise the latter virtue, but should that time come he would do that as well as he had done the *suaviter in modo*. Bro. Jessop, in response, remarked that the brethren always said more than their W.M. deserved, at least it had been so since he had occupied the chair. From the bottom of his heart he thanked them for their kindness. Bros. Lewis and Abrahams responded for the Initiates. Bro. I. Zacharie in speaking for the Visitors said it afforded him great pleasure to be present, for two reasons. The first was that he had had the pleasure of meeting the W.M., who was an old and dear friend; they belonged to the same Lodge many years ago. The second was to be present at the initiation of an old friend, Bro. Lewis, whom he had known for many years, and whose career he had watched. He was sure that brother would be an ornament to the Lodge. The visitors felt very grateful for the kind reception they had received, and only hoped they would have the opportunity of meeting the members on many future occasions. Several other visitors also spoke. The W.M. next called upon Brother Da Silva, No. 205, to reply on behalf of Bro. Jos. Da Silva P.M., now absent at the Cape. Bro. Da Silva tendered hearty thanks, assuring the members that he would write and inform his son of the kindness with which his name had been mentioned. Bro. Hogard, acting I.P.M., said he felt it a great honour when asked to become a founder of the Lodge, and a still greater honour when asked to become the I.P.M. As an old Craftsman he felt called upon to do what he could for the good of Freemasonry and for that Lodge. The Barnato Lodge started less than two years since with some eight or ten founders; they now numbered between fifty and sixty members, and he thought there were few Lodges that could show such a record in so short a space of time. They had already sent up four or five Stewards to the Charities. Those Charities were the brightest jewels in Freemasonry. For the very



kind manner in which the W.M. had proposed his health he returned sincere thanks, and assured them that as long as he had health to attend and wear upon his breast the jewel presented to him that night, so long he hoped his services would be at the disposal of that Lodge. Some other toasts followed. An abundance of good singing enlivened the proceedings throughout.

**St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 180.**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly Corner), on the 17th inst., when there were present:—Bros. Wolter W.M., Taylor S.W., Matthews J.W., Farwig Preceptor, Blum Treasurer, Reynolds acting Secretary, Bullen S.D., Shaw J.D., Bayfield I.G., Woods, Hazlett, Blythe, W. Leatherby, Cursons, Blythe, T. Warwick, Kirk. After all preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Blythe candidate. The Worshipful Master gave the traditional history, and explained the tracing board. The Senior Deacon worked the second, and Bro. P.M. Woods the third section of the lecture. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Taylor was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his excellent working in this Lodge of Instruction, for the first time. This was seconded by Bro. J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Lodge closed and adjourned, until the following Thursday, at the hour of 8.

**Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.**—At the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 13th inst. Bros. Hoggins W.M., E. J. D. Bromley S.W., G. H. Foan J.W., R. C. Cursons acting as Preceptor, G. Reynolds Treasurer and Secretary, G. S. Peachey S.D., C. O. Burgess J.D., E. Cole I.G., T. C. Weeks Tyler, F. M. Noakes, J. Gluckstein, L. B. Levy, C. W. Fromholtz, G. S. Berry, H. Matthews, C. Thomson, G. A. Bergholtz, F. W. Buxton, A. Cogliati, C. Lambert, and J. Rowe. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the first section of the first lecture. Bro. J. Rowe offered himself as candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. G. S. Berry candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second. Bro. E. Cole 1257 was unanimously elected a member. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the third degree will be rehearsed. Bro. F. M. Noakes proposed that the annual supper in connection with this Lodge of Instruction take place on Tuesday, the 8th April next, and that circulars be sent out to that effect by Bro. Secretary. This was seconded, and carried unanimously. The J.W. then proposed that the following brethren be appointed as Stewards:—Bros. J. Rowe, C. O. Burgess, G. L. Berry, W. Hoggins, F. W. Buxton; seconded by Bro. Fromholtz, and carried unanimously. Thereupon Bro. F. W. Noakes proposed that the following brethren be added to the Stewards, to make the number the same as last year:—Bros. G. H. Foan, A. G. Bergholtz, A. Cogliati, C. H. Fromholtz, E. J. D. Bromley, and R. C. Cursons; seconded by Bro. Peachey, and carried unanimously. On the question of a Chairman and Deputy Chairman being mentioned, Bro. Secretary informed the brethren that it was the particular wish of the W.M. (Bro. S. Hewett) of the Mother Lodge that the compliment be paid to their worthy Preceptor (Bro. W. Brindley) and Deputy Preceptor (Bro. James Greenway). The Secretary made a proposition to that effect, seconded by Bro. R. Cursons acting Preceptor, which was carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to the following Thursday.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of Sussex, has been pleased to appoint as his Deputy the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle—Past Master of the East Sussex Lodge, No. 166, and Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Master Masons of England. The Dean was appointed Provincial Grand Junior Warden at the recent annual meeting. His well-known ability and genial manner have made him very popular, and his latest appointment will give universal satisfaction. His installation will take place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, early in May, and it is hoped that a new Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be consecrated on the same day, with Brother Crawford J. Pocock as the first W.M. It is expected that his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will be installed as Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons during the autumn, and that he will pay a visit to the Province for that purpose.—*Sussex News*.

At the last monthly meeting of the Prince Frederick Lodge, holding its meetings at the White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge, five gentlemen were initiated. Such an event has never before occurred in connection with this Lodge.

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Mr. Charles Wyndham and Miss Mary Moore will make their reappearance, after their American tour, at the Criterion to-night (Saturday), when they will appear in "David Garrick," supported by a strong company. A pleasant evening may be anticipated.

The production "For his Child's Sake," the new curtain raiser for Terry's, has been postponed until Saturday, the 29th inst., which will be the 50th performance of "New Lamps for Old."

The last nights, for the present, of "A Man's Shadow" are announced at the Haymarket. The 200th performance of this powerful play will be given on Wednesday next, the 26th instant.

Miss Cissy Grahame is contemplating a series of matinées of "Our Regiment," at Terry's, during her season, which has now been extended until Christmas, in consequence of the success of "New Lamps for Old." The latter piece will be played at the Crystal Palace, on Thursday afternoon, 10th April.

Bro. Walter Perrins announces that his first annual smoking concert will be given on the 28th inst., at the Highbury Station Hotel, commencing at eight o'clock. Bro. Perrins has secured a strong committee to assist him, while the following artistes have kindly consented to take part, viz.:—Messrs. George Arle, Harry Bluff, Archer Brown, Will Edwards, John Clarence, Joseph Hoffman, W. H. Lloyd, McVittie (Solo Clarionette) 2nd Life Guards, Stanley Owens, Frank Percival, Phillips, George Robins, Sutton Smith, Walter Sycklemore, Houlden Walker, Frank Wilkes, Alfred Williams, Ansdell Wood, Walter Woodroof. Accompanists—Messrs. Alfred Cox and Alfred Stokes. Tickets of admission (one shilling each) can be had of Bro. Walter Perrins, or at the Hotel as above.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed by Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst.

Bro. Oxley W.M. of the Lodge of St. John, No. 1306, will work the ceremony of installation at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, held at the Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, E., on Thursday evening, the 27th inst.

In consequence of the 8th of April, being Easter Tuesday, the supper in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, to be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, has been postponed to Thursday evening, the 1st May next.

At a meeting of the Royal Sussex Preceptory of Knights Templar, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., Sir Kt. John Chapman P.P.G. Registrar Prov. A.D.C. was unanimously elected I.E.P. for the ensuing year, and E. Sir Kt. William Taylor was elected Treasurer.

A ball, promoted by the Skiddaw Lodge, was held on Friday night, the 14th inst., in the Globe Hotel Assembly Room, Cockermouth, which had been decorated by Messrs. White and Stoddart. There were about 60 couples present. The music was supplied by an efficient band from Carlisle, under the conductorship of Mr. F. Burns. Bros. W. Elliot and H. Bowley were the Masters of the Ceremonies.

At a meeting of the Allied Masonic Degrees (W.M. Sewell—11), held at Maryport, on Monday evening, the 10th instant, Bro. J. Clifton Thompson was elected Worshipful Master, and Bro. P. de E. Collin was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Freemasons of Yorkshire have to congratulate themselves on the success of one of their girls at the Cambridge Local Examination last December. A Wakefield girl, Ethel Fallding, one of the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was second on the list from this school who passed with honours in the second class, and she was also marked as distinguished in religious knowledge. Eighteen of the pupils were sent up, five passed with honours in the second class, five in the third, and the remaining eight satisfied the examiners. Thirty-one out of thirty-seven passed the College of Preceptors' examination.—*Leeds Mercury*.

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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

## ERNEST CHARLES COATES,

AGED 8 YEARS,

The only eligible child in a family of eight, whose father, Walter William Coates, late of the Whittington Lodge (No. 862), and Shepherd's Bush Lodge (No. 1828), was a Life Subscriber to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and is now in the Banstead Asylum for Lunatics, and whom the Doctors pronounce incurable.

The case is earnestly recommended by the P.M.'s and Members of the Lodges he belonged to as above, and by the following brethren:—

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\*William Drew, W.M. 733, 125 Chancery Lane.  
\*John Holmes, W.M. 1608, 122 Albany Street, Regent's Park.  
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Those marked with an asterisk will gladly receive proxies.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, ELECTION, APRIL 1890.

The votes of subscribers are earnestly solicited for

## HAROLD STREETER GOLDSMITH,

AGED 7½ YEARS,

YOUNGEST SON OF THE LATE BRO. W. O. GOLDSMITH;

BRO. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the Press Association, and in that capacity was well known to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

BRO. CHARLES KEDGLEY, Hibernia Chambers, London Bridge, S.E., W.M. 79, P.M. 1614, M.E.Z. 73.  
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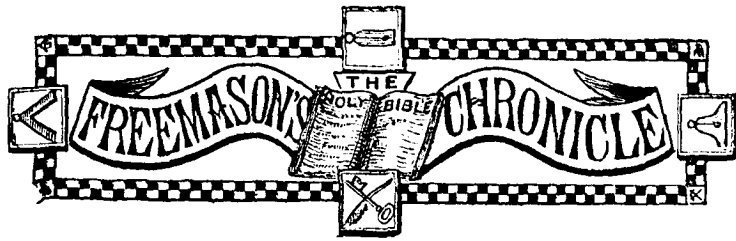
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SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH 1890.

### CONSECRATION OF THE MISTLEY LODGE, No. 2339.

A NEW Lodge—the Mistley—was consecrated at Manningtree, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, bringing up the total number of Lodges in Essex to thirty. The ceremony was to have been performed by Lord Brooke, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master of Essex, but his Lordship, not having recovered from his recent illness, the duty was undertaken, and most ably performed, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar (Recorder of Colchester). Great interest was evinced in the day's proceedings by the inhabitants of Manningtree, who displayed flags and bunting, and assembled in large numbers to witness the arrival of the expected visitors. The Public Hall, too, in which the ceremony of the day took place, was completely transformed, owing to the elaborate decorations bestowed upon it. Through the kindness of the Rev. C. F. Norman, the greenhouses of Mistley Place were freely placed at the disposal of the local Brethren, and as a consequence the platform presented a perfect bank of flowers and ornamental plants, while the body of the hall was profusely hung with flags and bunting. Mr. Norman also most kindly sent his private carriage to convey the Deputy Provincial Grand Master from and to the Railway Station. The flags used in decorating were kindly lent by Bro. J. H. Vaux and Capt. D. Howard, of Harwich. The proceedings commenced at two o'clock, by which time over one hundred Brethren had assembled. The D.P.G.M. presided, and the other offices were occupied as follows:—Bros. Lennox Browne Senior Warden, E. H. Bailey Junior Warden, the Rev. E. H. Crate Chaplain, T. J. Ralling Secretary, A. Lucking Dir. of Cir., Richard Clowes Inner Guard. In his address to the Brethren, the D.P.G.M. said he appeared before them with mingled feelings—for he could truly say he shared with the promoters of the Mistley Lodge, as well as the visitors present, the regret which all must feel at the absence of their beloved Provincial Grand Master—who, he could inform them from the best authority, was confined to the sick room. He had seen Lady Brooke only an hour ago at Colchester, and her ladyship had told him of this; and also of the regret which his lordship felt at his enforced absence. In Lord Brooke's absence it devolved upon him, as his Deputy, to consecrate the Lodge, and he assured the Brethren that it gave him peculiar pleasure to perform such a ceremony at Manningtree, because his earlier recollections were closely allied with that part of the Province. In these days of increased facilities of communication it was not, perhaps, surprising that in the portion of the County which bordered on the great Metropolis there should be much Masonic activity, but he was glad that here, in the extreme north, verging on the confines of the neighbouring Province of Suffolk, there was such a zeal for their ancient Craft to warrant the consecration of this new Lodge, which was being started under auspices which he was sure would entitle the founders to look for permanent success on their undertaking. That that success might attend them he was sure they all earnestly hoped, and success would attend them if, keeping the principles of Freemasonry steadily before them, they adhered to them with fidelity, zeal, and discretion. Having been connected for many years with Freemasonry, he said, without fear of contradiction, that it was an honour to any man, however illustrious his position, to be received into Masonry; therefore, in founding this new Lodge, while the founders undertook a great and good work, they must ever remember that it was not by numbers alone that the success of Masonry could be promoted—it was by the quality of the members who were initiated that the interests of Freemasonry would be advanced in the best and highest sense. The Provincial Grand Secretary having read the petition and warrant, and the petitioners having signified their approval of the Officers named in the warrant. The Acting Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate) addressed the brethren on the nature and principles of the Institution. After some preliminary observations he said:—It is not as the outside world supposes, merely the excellency of that secrecy by which our unity is preserved, which is the only boast of Masons, or the only glory of Masonry. By no means. Masonry, when properly studied and properly laboured in, has a higher boast, a more exalted glory. She boasts of her antiquity, dating from the Grand Architecture of the Heavens and the earth. She boasts her descent as the daughter of the G.A. of all things; and as the twin sister of religion. Love was her parent, her other name is Charity. The central point of all her innumerable lines, squares, and circles, is the love of God. And upon this central point she builds her faith; from it she derives the hope of glory, here and hereafter; and by it she squares her conduct in strict justice and universal charity. I will only add that loyalty is also a distinguishing characteristic of every true Mason. Why is it that we, as a Secret Society, enjoy the protection of the laws of our land? Because, respecting the Masonic Order, notwithstanding all its secrecy of Brotherly union, our rulers are fully assured from the best authority, of its moral purity, its religious sincerity, and its political integrity. They are well informed of our sentiments, they are equally acquainted with our practice. They know and are firmly

assured that we love our Queen and Constitution; that we are ever ready to rally round the Throne, and to support with our persons, with our property, and with our lives, that noble, royal, and illustrious personage who now sways the British Empire. And when the G.A.O.T.U. shall see fit to remove from her the earthly crown, which in this life graces her royal brow, and places upon her head that Heavenly diadem she so richly deserves (as far as human merit can deserve); we will (I know I speak for all true Masons) with equal zeal exalt our voice to hail our Grand and Royal Master the Prince of Wales in her stead. And now, Brethren, allow me to ask one question of the rulers of the business we are here met to transact to-day—what is your aim and intention in the constitution of the Mistley Lodge? Is it, first of all, the glory of the G.A.O.T.U. in the uniting a Society in the bonds of morality, virtue and religion? Is it that you may the more diligently follow and fulfil the pious intentions of the first establishers of Masonry amongst men? And is it your sole pursuit and intention, by propagating the knowledge of our mystic art, to ensure the real and good happiness, not only of the Brethren, but, as far as possible, of all mankind? If so, we heartily bid you God speed in the constitution of your Lodge. My last words shall be to the members of this newly-constituted Lodge. Suffice me to urge you, my Brethren, to make manifest proof to all around you that wisdom, not folly (or even pleasure alone), has here indeed bailed her house in the consecration of the Mistley Lodge. May all the choicest blessings of the G.A.O.T.U. rest upon you; with a numerous company of worthy Brethren may He bless you, and with corn and wine and oil may he continually sustain them and their families and their households. May he descend by the three grand rounds of the holy Patriarch's ladder—faith, hope, and charity—and give you all that lively trust and confidence which guided all the future conduct of Jacob. I indulge the hope, Brethren, that these sentiments, which I have ventured, though so feebly and imperfectly to enunciate, may abide with us till death, and rise with us when, with all worthy brethren throughout the world, we meet at the right hand of the Eternal G.M. and join that immoveable Lodge where truth and love shall form the eternal union, in which Lodge of the true, the faithful, and the perfect may we all have a happy meeting. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion the D.P.G.M. installed Bro. J. T. Bailey P.M. and Treasurer 697 P.P.G.P. as the first W.M., who in his turn invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as under:—Bros. the Rev. T. S. Raffles S.W., Robert Brooks J.W., Wm. Mustard Treasurer, Joseph Ashdown S.W. 697 Secretary, J. R. Butler S.D., S. S. Parsons J.D., C. E. Garrard I.G., Lockey and Spencer Stewards, Arthur Wright Tyler. Before the closing of the Lodge the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M., and said he was very grateful to him for having a second time placed him in the chair of K.S. The S.W. Bro. the Rev. T. S. Raffles seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation, and briefly acknowledged. The musical portions of the ceremony were ably carried out by Bros. Osmond, Gowers, Coombs, and Motum. About 100 Brethren afterwards dined together, at the White Hart Hotel, a splendid repast being well served by Messrs Wright and Son, of Colchester. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the D.P.G.M. and the other distinguished brethren. The Queen and the Craft, the M.W. G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Officers, were proposed by the W.M. Bro. Philbrick, and Bro. Ralling responded for the Grand Officers, the latter brother remarking that for a long time past, owing to the many zealous Masons residing in the district, he had had an idea that a Lodge would have to be started in that corner of the Province, and he was pleased to see one consecrated under such favourable auspices. The W.M. next proposed the R.W. Prov. G.M. Lord Brooke, M.P., and also coupled with the toast the name of Lady Brooke. The W.M. also gave the D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past. The D.P.G.M., in response, said they had that day seen the launching of a new ship, and he was sure they all wished that it might have a career of long-continued success. On the part of the Provincial Grand Officers he welcomed the addition of the Mistley Lodge to the roll of Lodges in the Province. He urged the brethren of the new Lodge to hold a high standard before them, and to begin the work as they intended to continue. With regard to the Province generally, he continued that no Province was more loyal to the true principles of Masonry than Essex. Alluding to the presence of a distinguished Suffolk Mason (Bro. N. Tracy P.G. Secretary Suffolk), the D.P.G.M., amid much applause, said he could assure that worthy brother that it was in no spirit of hostility that they had planted this new Lodge so close to the border this day, but rather that directly their Suffolk friends crossed it they should meet with a hearty Masonic welcome. Bro. Lennox Browne, Bro. E. H. Bailey, Bro. Sadler, and Bro. Clowes also responded. The other toasts were:—The Worshipful Master, proposed by Bro. the Rev. T. S. Raffles; the Visitors, proposed by the W.M., and responded to by several visiting Brethren; the Officers of the Lodge, proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by the various Officers; the Masonic Charities, proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Renshaw and Bro. Tracy; and the Tyler's Toast. During the dinner a telegram conveying "Heartly-good wishes" was received by the W.M. from the Trinity Lodge, Bayleigh, who were at the time holding their Installation meeting.

### CONSECRATION OF THE CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 2350.

A NEW Lodge, named the Corinthian, and numbered 2350 on the roll of the Grand Lodge, was consecrated on Saturday, the 22nd inst., in the Pennington Memorial Schools, Hindley. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. England, and Provincial Grand Secretary West Lancashire, who was accompanied and assisted by a numerous retinue of Provincial Grand Officers. After the Lodge had been duly dedicated and constituted, Bro. C. Deazer P.M. 1335 was installed the first W.M. of the Lodge, and the

newly-installed Master invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. S. Mossop J.W., J. M. Ashurst P.M. 178 Dir. of Cers., James Rothwell Treasurer, W. L. Rothwell Secretary, R. Christopher S.D., J. Laithwaite J.D., R. Rothwell I.G., D. Dove and W. Hibbert Stewards, J. Ashmore Tyler. The investiture of Bro. T. Brayton S.W. designate was unavoidably postponed, owing to his illness. The brethren, to the number of fifty, afterwards dined together at the Bird-i'-th'-Hand Hotel, where the regular meetings of the Lodge will be held, on the first Thursday in each month. The catering was entrusted to Messrs. Galt and Capper, and the manner in which they carried out their duties reflects very great credit upon those gentlemen and their efficient staff.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### ST. HELEN'S CHAPTER, No. 531.

A CONVOCATION was held at the Masonic Hall, Regent-square, Hartlepool, on the 12th inst., when Comps. F. Hookaday H., J. Newby Taylor J., and Ed. Nixey S.E., were installed Z., H., and J. respectively. The following were also invested:—Comps. T. J. Johnson Treasurer, W. Shaw S.E., W. Belk S.N., H. Kirby P.S., Arthur Hardy A.S., H. Belk A.S., and W. W. Humphries Janitor. Among the visitors present were Comps. H. Lamb J. 764, G. Carter P.Z. 764, H. B. Olsen Z. 764, and H. Bauman P.Z. 764. After the ceremony the Companions adjourned to the King's Head, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Mr. Butterwick.

### UNITY CHAPTER, No. 580.

THE installation of Principals and investiture of Officers took place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., in the Chapter-room at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Ormskirk. The Installing Principal Companion was Hugh Williams, assisted by Comp. John Pemberton. The following were installed as Principals for the ensuing twelve months:—Comps. J. Orritt Z., R. Walker H. (both re-elected), and J. W. Mason J. The Officers were invested by the Z. (Comp. J. Orritt), as follows:—Comps. A. J. Brooks S.E., Newsham S.N., P. Draper Treasurer, R. Winrow P.S., F. F. Young Assistant S., G. Lea Second S., W. Martindale Janitor. The Companions afterwards partook of tea together.

### ST. WOOLLO'S CHAPTER, No. 683.

THE annual meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when there was an unusually large assemblage of Companions. After disposing of the preliminary business, four candidates were exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons. The imposing ceremony of installing the three Principals for the ensuing year into their respective chairs of office was then proceeded with, the installation being performed in a perfect manner by the Past Principal Comp. E. W. Evans, to the great gratification of all the Companions. The members thus installed were Comps. Alfred Taylor Z., T. J. Jones H., and Walter J. Dix J. Subsequently the Companions met at the Westgate Hotel, where forty-five members sat down to a sumptuous banquet, splendidly laid by Comp. Dean. The usual toast list was gone through, interspersed with music and songs, and a most harmonious evening was enjoyed.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On the 14th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Comps. G. L. Moore M.E.Z., G. Powell H., Jackson J., C. H. Stone S.E., Patrick S.N., Grummant P.S., F. Hilton Preceptor. Chapter opened by Principals and Past Principals. A Conclave of 3rd Principals was formed, and Comp. Jackson was installed into the 3rd chair by Comp. Moore. The Conclave was closed and the Companions admitted. There were also present Comps. R. Davis, Vincent, and Jno. Darwin Smith. The following were elected members:—Comps. Price, Charles James Smith and Ball. Comp. Powell was elected M.E.Z. for the next Friday, when the installation ceremony will be worked, at 7:30 p.m. Letters of sympathy were sent to Comps. Murché and Godwin.

## WHY THE MASONIC FRATERNITY SHOULD NOT CELEBRATE SAINTS' DAYS.

To the Editor of the Masonic Constellation.

BRO. RICKART,—Solomon said, that "To everything there is a season and a time." I agree with the above idea, and will add to the topics enumerated by Solomon, that there is a time when a man may brag up his religion to the skies, but there are also times when he may not do so. Thus, in his church and in his sectarian paper, he may declare that only he and those who believe like him will go to heaven, and all who differ from his religious belief will go to a hot place. He may do so in his own house, providing, however, that the servant whose services he wishes to retain is of his religious denomination. Otherwise, even in his own house, he must do his religious bragging with closed doors and in a low whisper.

Masonry was designed "to unite the good and true of all denominations into a brotherhood," or, as Anderson said, "to cultivate true and sincere friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance." And true and sincere friendship is simply impossible if one of the parties is found to be *insincere and untrue*. Anderson further says, that "No private piques or quarrels about nations, families, religions, or politics, must be brought

within the door of the Lodge; for, as Masons, we are \* \* \* of all religions." Now, I confess, that politics are never alluded to in a Lodge. I never heard any one intimate in a Lodge a preference to *free trade* or *protection*. Even in the days of the anti-slavery excitement that subject was never alluded to in a Masonic Lodge, or in Masonic papers, and the same rule should be strictly observed in Masonic gatherings about religion. But is it so? You initiate Jews into Masonry; you promise them, on the word and honour of a gentleman and Mason, that they should enjoy all Masonic privileges without violating their conscience. But after their initiation they find that they are obliged to join in Christian prayers, to venerate Christian saints, to talk about the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah," and to listen to other allusions offensive to their religious belief. In short, Christian Masons behave towards Jews in a Masonic Lodge with a kind of rudeness which they would not dare to do in presence of their servants in their own houses.

A Jewish Mason informed me that the Chaplain of his Lodge said to him that he did not see how a Jew could consistently be a Mason. I told my informant that the Chaplain was right; a consistent Jew should not be a Mason, that is, as Masonry is practised in American Lodges. But on the other hand, said I, Christians are bound to speak the truth, and to keep their promises. I cannot see how a consistent Christian can be Master of an American Lodge who, when initiating a Jew, has to promise him on the word and honour of a gentleman, &c., that the Jew should enjoy all Masonic privileges without having to violate his conscience, when he knows full well that the promise is a mere fraud.

In the year 1723, in the Masons' Constitutions, it was ordained that the two Saint John Days should be held as Masonic Festivals; but the law was never meant to be an irrevocable law, in fact, the Grand Lodge of England observed those days very seldom even before 1738, for Anderson said, in his 1738 Constitutions, that the said law depended on the convenience of the Grand Master; and he added that "the good of the Craft is more to be regarded than days." In fact, the Grand Lodge of England very rarely held its meetings on Saints' Days, and after 1813 the names of the Saints John were removed from the Grand Lodge of England's Constitutions, and expunged from the English Masonic Ritual.

Last week a Brother called my attention, in the Boston Masonic Temple, to a letter of Bro. Daniel F. Bell, in No. 2 of the *Masonic Constellation*, giving his reasons why Masons observe St. John the Baptist's Day. He says, "It is scarcely necessary to mention the day of the birth of John the Baptist," thus implying that every body knows that the Saint was born on the 24th of June, and then goes on to say:—

"In the first place, St. John was a pure, good man, loving truth, and despising hypocrisy and deceit."

"In the second place, he was the promoter and lover of our Order and its principles. He was recognised in the ceremonies and symbols of our Order, and in the teachings thereof, that which was in accordance with the great truths he proclaimed. He saw the aim of our teachings, and became the patron of our Order."

The reasons Bro. Bell gives for Masons to observe the Baptist's Day may be thus briefly summed up, that 1st, because the Baptist was born on the 24th June; 2nd, because he was a prophet, and predicted the coming of Jesus Christ; and 3rd, because the Baptist was a Brother Mason, and loved our Order, &c.

Now, with all due respect to Bro. Bell, I beg to assure him that his first, as well as his last reason, is simply fallacious; for no one knows on what day the Baptist was born, and every well informed Mason is perfectly satisfied that no such an Order as our Freemasonry existed in the days of the Baptist, and consequently he could not have been a Brother Mason. I would advise Bro. Bell, before he undertakes to write again about Freemasonry, to read the works of Steubrenner, Findel, Lyon, Gould and Hughan. With regard to his reason that St. John was a prophet, who prophesied the coming of Christ, and whose own birth was prophesied by the old Hebrew prophets, that reason would be very good for Masons to keep St. John's Day, if Masonry had been confined exclusively to believers in Christianity. But such is not the case. The Jewish Masons do not believe in St. John's prophecy, or in Christ's mission, and we have Gentile Masons who do not believe that the Evangelists, whose names head the several Gospels, were the authors of those books, and these brethren say that they do not know what St. John did say and what he did not say, and taking further into consideration that it is now a well known fact that the invention of the Masonic St. John's legends are purely *pious Christian frauds*, I think, therefore, that justice, as well as prudence, should induce our American Masons to imitate the action and example of the Grand Lodge of England, by expunging from their ritual and Constitutions all allusions to the Saints John.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

Boston, 17th Feb. 1890.

JACOB NORTON.

Lord Brooke, Provincial Grand Master Essex, has intimated that he will go to Chelmsford, on the 3rd of April, to take part in the celebration of the Centenary of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Though it is impossible, in this climate of changing temperature, to prevent ill health altogether, yet its form and frequency may be much mitigated by the early adoption of remedial measures. When hoarseness, cough, thick breathing, and the attending slight fever indicate irritation of the throat or chest, Holloway's Ointment should be rubbed upon these parts without delay, and his Pills taken in appropriate doses, to promote its curative action. No catarrhs or sore throats can resist these remedies. Printed directions envelope every package of Holloway's medicaments, which are suited to all ages and conditions, and to every ordinary disease to which humanity is liable.

## THE IMMORTALS.

SOME things can never die. There is that within them which ensures their immortality. This must have been the gift of the Lord of Light and Life, the great Jehovah, the I Am that I Am, the Grand Architect of the Universe. That which was a part of Him has become a part of them, and hence, like Him, they live for ever.

Man shall live for ever. He seems to die, but it is only seeming. Death is his new birth to the higher life. He was created is the image of God, who breathed into him the breath of life and made him a living soul. Man's first birth makes him mediately, and his second birth immediately, an immortal. There is no such thing possible as suicide. Man may launch his soul into eternity; but what does launching imply, but the preparation for a long, long voyage—not an ending, but a beginning. At death we begin to live for ever. How we shall live for ever depends upon how we have lived here.

There are books which shall live for ever—the sacred books of all nations which tell of the one only true and living God—the Old Testament of the Israelites, the Holy Bible of the Christians, the Rig Veda of the Hindoos, the Dhammapada of Buddhism. All of these bear evidence of inspiration, some more than others, but in all of them there is a revelation of the true God, a laudation of virtue, and an appeal to man to have faith in God and love his fellow men.

There are ideas which shall live for ever. That of worship is one. In its elementary form this word signifies worthiness, and hence the respect of reverence due to worth, the holding in sincere and high regard those placed over us for our welfare. For this reason the Master of a Lodge is styled "Worshipful," and a Grand Master "Right Worshipful." This language, as applied to man, is very ancient, but has almost entirely passed out of use, except in the Masonic Fraternity. Freemasonry does not change with the ages. The meaning of language may change, but that does not lead us to abandon our archaic words. We hold on to such expressions as "oblong square," "Right Worshipful," and "Worshipful," because they were ours in the olden time, which, among us, means for all time. But the idea of worship is one which was implanted in man by the Grand Architect of the Universe, and hence it shall never die. We are to honour now our superiors in station here, and honour our Maker above all others for ever, for He *only* is Most Worshipful. Worship shall never cease. Man was created to worship.

Knowledge shall never die—that is, true knowledge, the highest knowledge. Plato said, in his "Phædrus," "Knowledge of God is true wisdom and virtue; and ignorance of Him is utter ignorance and wickedness." Ignorance shall perish, but wisdom is immortal.

The Church of the living God shall never die, by whatever name it is called. Names are but labels, sometimes libels; but the good, the true and the beautiful in religion, by whatever name called, the Church that honours God, loves mankind and labours to elevate man in thought and action to the standard of the divine life, shall live for ever. It is founded upon a rock.

Freemasonry shall never die. When it began, no man or Mason can tell. It may be traced by history and tradition to the remotest ages of the world, where it is lost amidst the mists of antiquity. Some erroneously suppose it to have had its origin at the erection of King Solomon's Temple. Not so. It was there then; but it was before then, also. Egypt was the land of origins. Its civilisation was the earliest of all, so far as can now be traced. The Egyptians were a learned people, a devout people, a skilful people, a race of builders, in the midst of whom was a noble company of mystics, who practised the Ancient Mysteries and taught the highest truths, touching God on one side and man on the other. Since then their doctrine and practice have never been lost. They were perpetuated because they were to be perpetual. They were not born to die. We may trace them down through the ages. What *were* the Egyptian Mysteries, the Dionysiac Mysteries, the Eleusinian Mysteries, the Mysteries of the mediæval builders of Europe, are *now* the Mysteries of Freemasonry. Down the ages they came, with time itself, and with the unerring certainty of truth. Freemasonry can never die, because it teaches truth—so long as it teaches truth. It is truth that insures its life, as falsehood would entail its death. As long

as it is not "ignorant of Him," as Plato phrased it—Him who is above all and through all, and in us all, so long it will live; and we have faith to believe that will be for ever.

Freemasonry, therefore, is not an experiment nor an expedient; it is not merely a social or convivial society; it is not of recent origin nor of merely temporary use; but it is a world fraternity, a perpetuity. As it was in the aforetime, so it is in the now, and shall be in the hereafter. It is for the uplifting of the mind and the heart, for the worship of the one living and true God, for social and convivial enjoyment, for the assistance of members of the Brotherhood wherever dispersed, and for universal benevolence. If true to itself, it will be as immortal as its members. The Grand Lodge above is more than a figure of speech, since God, and man, and truth shall live for ever.—*Keystone.*

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey President of the Board presided, and Bros. James Brett Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. Bros. Alfred A. Pendlebury Assist. G. Sec., W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee attended from Grand Secretary's office. There were also present Bros. Henry Garrod, George B. Chapman, David D. Mercer, Butler Wilkins, Howard H. Room, George R. Langley, J. B. Grieve, W. P. Brown, A. C. Woodward, James Bunker, George Read, R. J. Taylor, Walter Hopekirk, Charles Lovibond, J. Milsted Spencer, J. J. Meakin, H. Nash, C. F. Luckhurst, F. H. Martin, E. C. Porter, J. Oldis, H. Jenkins, T. H. Thompson, Fred. Burgess, C. N. McIntyre North, H. Massey, S. H. Goldschmidt, G. M. E. Hamilton, Thos. C. Hodges, John Grey, W. Adams, G. A. Mackinay, Lewis Ascott, Donald Glass, F. J. West, F. Charles McQueen, C. D. Hume, H. Winkley, E. Bateman, Valentine Wing, R. F. Kirkaldy, C. A. Peters, W. J. Gardner, H. J. Wicks, J. F. Rumball, J. Salmon, W. Radcliffe, and H. Sadler. The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the February meeting. There were 39 cases on the new list. Two of the cases were withdrawn, three were deferred, and two dismissed. The remainder were awarded a total of £650. There was one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £50, four cases were recommended to the Grand Master of £40 each, and three for £30 each. Ten grants were made of £20 each, four of £15 each, eight of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Mechanic's Institute, Burnley, on Wednesday, 21st May, at 3 o'clock, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie. The banquet will afterwards be served in the Church of England Literary Institution, tickets for which (5s each, exclusive of wines) may be obtained, not later than the 14th May, from Bro. John Chadwick, Provincial Grand Secretary, Cooper-street, Manchester.

Bro. J. B. Mella, the spirited proprietor of the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, announces that he has made still further alterations and improvements at the above noted establishment, particularly in the culinary department. Bro. Mella is now open to book dates for parties, up to 150, to dine in the Grand Saloon, commanding views of the splendid avenue in Bushey Park, and the entrance to the Royal Gardens; at the same time smaller parties can be equally well accommodated. If necessary, lofty tents can be erected in the Park. Hampton Court and its attractions command a large attendance of visitors, and we are pleased to note that the spirit and enterprise displayed by the Hotel proprietors in the district is becoming well recognised and liberally supported.

Prince zu Carolath-Schönaich has been elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prussia, "Royal York zur Freundschaft."

**FUNERALS** properly carried out and personally attended in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected, Valuations made.



## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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## Saturday, 22nd March.

- 1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
1679 Henry Muggerside, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
1871 Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hornslo  
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
1777 Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
R.A. 1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

## Monday, 24th March.

- 4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
26 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.  
23 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1608 Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn  
1632 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1828 Shepherds Bush, Athenaeum, Goldhawk Rd. W.  
R.A. 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 188 Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street  
R.A. 1237 Enfield, Court House, Enfield  
M.M. 5 Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.  
48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Gatheshead  
909 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1894 Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough  
R.A. 241 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham  
M.M. The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

## Tuesday, 25th March.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
145 Ludent Brothers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.  
259 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.  
1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.  
1348 Ebury, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.  
1441 Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1719 Evering Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 21 Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
R.A. 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 1275 Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
299 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
310 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
573 Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halesowen  
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1353 Fort y, Town Hall, Paignton  
1470 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1675 Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse  
R.A. 103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
R.A. 124 Concord, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham  
R.A. 721 Grosvenor, Masonic Chambers, Chester  
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester  
R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
K.T. Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Coln

## Wednesday, 26th March.

- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.  
753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, N.W.  
898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street  
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
1589 St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1818 Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria  
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
2332 Boro' of Greenwich, William IV., E. Greenwich  
R.A. 435 Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, E.C.  
R.A. 907 Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, E.C.  
R.C. St. Andrew, Café Royal, Regent Street, W.  
32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
117 Salopian of Charity, Raven Hot, Shrewsbury  
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston  
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley  
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
996 Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
1093 Townley Parker, Brunswick Hot, Manchester  
1119 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
1219 Strangways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester  
1283 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge  
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire  
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1723 St. George, Commercial Hotel, Bolton  
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hot, Somerset  
1967 Beacoa Court, Ghuzee Fort Hot, New Brompton  
R.A. 225 St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich  
R.A. 226 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough  
R.A. 274 Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch  
R.A. 605 De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, B'kenhead  
R.A. 606 Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon  
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham  
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle  
M.M. 174 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

## Thursday, 27th March.

- General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H., 4  
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.

- 66 Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
99 Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark  
766 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
861 Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
1121 Langthorne, an Hotel, Stratford  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
1659 Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
1816 Victoria Park, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park Rd.  
2192 Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.  
2234 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.  
R.A. 5 St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 177 Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
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594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
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784 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Der  
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich  
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
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1313 Fern or, Masonic Hall, Southport  
1337 Liberty of Haverling, Rising Sun, Romford  
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton  
1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
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K.T. 34 Albert, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale

## Friday, 28th March.

- 60 Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tav, W.C.  
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
500 Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co., E.C.  
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
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810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
1303 Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes  
1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
1712 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle  
1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
2039 Londonderry, M.H., Park Terrace, Sunderland  
R.A. 152 Vir ue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
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R.A. 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale  
K.T. 20 Royal Keat, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

## Saturday, 29th March.

- 1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

## INSTRUCTION.

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## Saturday, 22nd March.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30  
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8  
193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,  
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1361 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30  
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

## Monday, 24th March.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., 7  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7  
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30  
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 292 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30  
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30  
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8  
1698 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1623 West St. 'thfield, New Market Hot, Smithfield, 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30  
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7  
1891 St. Ambrose, 'ron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8  
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Cr 'etion, W., 8

## Tuesday, 25th March.

- 24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle, 7:30  
25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7

- 65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7  
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 8  
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 7:45  
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30  
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8  
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30  
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8  
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30  
1446 Monn. Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30  
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1527 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8  
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tav, N., 8  
1830 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
1940 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8  
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Sarbiton  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30  
R.A. 764 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8

## Wednesday, 26th March.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Baysbury, 8  
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30  
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
183 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7  
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8  
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30  
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd., 8  
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8  
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30  
1085 Hartington, M.H., Gower Street, Derby  
1261 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8  
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30  
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30  
1681 Londresborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
1791 Creation, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersden Park Road, 7:30  
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30  
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

## Thursday, 27th March.

- 141 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30  
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30  
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8  
704 Camden, 365 High Holborn, 7  
751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsey, Rotherhithe New Road  
1017 Mon effiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8  
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
1325 Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer St., Liverpool, 8  
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30  
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30  
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.,  
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Faling Dean, 7:45  
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30  
1673 Langston, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30  
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9  
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
1892 Wallington, King's Arms, Carshalton  
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30  
1936 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Deptford, 8  
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
R.A. 1471 No h London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

## Friday, 28th March.

- Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6  
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8  
453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30  
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
749 Bolgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W., 8  
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
786 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8  
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
844 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
1195 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30  
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
1298 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8  
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30  
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
1612 E. Carnarvon, Latrobe Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8  
2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30  
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8  
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.  
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall  
M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7:30

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE  
MASONIC HALL AT SIDMOUTH.

THE foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall for the Perseverance Lodge, No. 164, Sidmouth, took place on Saturday afternoon, the 8th inst. The site is in Upper High Street, and the hall is to be built from plans prepared by Bro. J. Jerman P.P.G.S. by Mr. W. M. Critchley. Brethren having met in the Lodge at the London Hotel, marched in procession to the Parish Church, where a service was conducted by Revs. H. G. J. Clements, Vicar, and H. E. Roberts, Curate; the sermon being preached by Rev. Bro. R. Swansborough, in the absence, through illness, of Rev. Bro. R. T. Thornton. At the conclusion of the service, the procession was reformed and proceeded to the site. On arriving at the site, the hymn "O Lord of Hosts, whose glory fills," was sung, and prayer was offered by a Past Provincial Grand Chaplain. A bottle, containing names of subscribers and relics of Lodge 164, having been deposited, Bro. J. Albert Orchard P.M. P.P.G.D.C. proceeded to lay the foundation stone in Masonic form, having first been presented by Bro. Jerman with a silver trowel, subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge of Perseverance. The stone having been laid, Bro. Orchard poured corn, wine, and oil on it, expressing a hope that the building would never lack that which those things were emblematical of. Bro. E. H. Shorto 39 then gave an oration on the principles of Masonry, after which Bro. Orchard handed the architect the plans, and thanked Bro. Jerman, on behalf of the brethren, for the kind and brotherly feeling which had induced him to prepare the plans, &c., free of charge. A Masonic ode was then sung by those present, and a thanksgiving was said by a Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. The procession was then re-formed, and the brethren proceeded to Brother Huxtable's London Hotel, where they dined together. Several of the tradespeople exhibited burting, and a number of persons witnessed the ceremony.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL  
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A MEETING of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on the 7th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. J. de Bels Adams, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Charity, occupied the chair, and there was a very numerous attendance of Governors. The minutes of the annual court, the finance committee, and the general committee having been read and confirmed, the election of a number of children on the foundation of the Institution was proposed and carried. The report of the work of the past year and the Treasurer's statement were unanimously adopted; and, in view of certain proposed alterations in the bye-laws of the Institution, Bro. Captain Macnab P.M. 241 (one of the Honorary Secretaries of the "West Lancashire") consented to withdraw the resignation of his office in the meantime. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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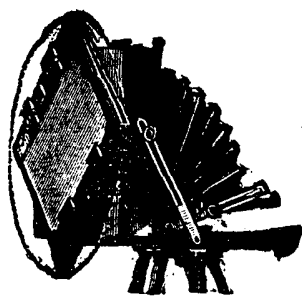
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